



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner : Brian R. Gordon
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Filed : November 27, 2000 Docket No.: 1539-00
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: Holger Rauth
: Richard Reinhartd
Title : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROCESSING
: EXTREMELY SMALL SUBSTANCE QUANTITIES

Dated: August 11, 2004

CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated March 8, 2004 from June 8, 2004 to September 8, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$950.00 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2719. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Examiner Name	Brian R. Gordan
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

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 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2719
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____

- b. Check in the amount of \$ 770.00, \$950.00 enclosed
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Applicants hereby request that a refund of \$1335.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 50-2719 for the above-mentioned charges.

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